

Application No. 10/588,826

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend Paragraph **[0040]** as follows:

[0040] The bottom 9 of the protective tube 8 is attached to the taper 8.1 by the weld seam 19. The process adapter consists of a sealing collar welded on the protective tube 8 and the coupling nut 11, but can be alternatively constructed with a pressure screw or other fasteners. Furthermore the protective tube can be formed by deep drawing or by machining and welding.